Payment to Maharashtra on account of Joint Coastal Patrolling

2149. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of Rs. 4,96,29,095 is due from Central Government to Government of Maharashtra on account of expenditure incurred for joint coastal patrolling by Government of Maharashtra; and

(b) by when the amount will be paid to Government of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra had claimed from the Government of India, the reimbursement of expenditure incurred by the former on Joint Coastal Patrolling in 1993-94 and 1994-95 under the Coastal Surveillance Scheme amounting to Rs. 6,19,11,000/-. After processing the claims, Government sanction for Rs. 474.14 lacs on special financial assistance to the Government of Maharashtra for financing the Coastal Surveillance Scheme in 1993-94 and 1994-95 was issued in March, 1995.

Functioning of flag and halt railway stations in M.P.

2150. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing flag and halt railway stations functioning in the State of Madhya Pradesh as on date;

(b) what facilities are available to the rail users in these stations; and

(c) what additional facilities Government propose to provide to the rail users in these stations of the State with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) At present, there are 253 flag and 146 halt stations in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Halt stations have been provided with rail level platform of suitable length, waiting-cum-booking office, lights where trains stop at night and shady trees. At flag stations, waiting hall, seating arrangements, drinking water facilities, booking arrangements, lighting, and shady trees have been provided.

Further augmentation of the existing facilities and provision of additional facilities viz. higher and longer platform, cover over platform, etc. at stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken wherever so warranted by traffic requirements subject to availability of funds. Suitable works in this regard will accordingly be taken up wherever so warranted in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Bus accidents on National Highways

2151. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bus accidents on highways in each State during the last one year;

(b) the number of persons killed in these accidents;

(c) whether in all cases compensation was paid to next kith and kin of the deceased passengers, drivers and others;

(d) if so, the details of each case stating the amount and period;

(e) whether in view of heavy increase in number of accidents, Government propose to bring Central legislation making provision of adequate compensation in each case out of the Consolidated Fund of India; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH